



Cpl. George Francis Sepsey

June 18, 1918 - November 26, 1942

CROSWELL- Nearly 84 years after he fell in the jungles of New Guinea, Cpl. George Francis Sepsey is finally coming home.

He was born on June 18, 1918 in Chicago, the son of Austrian-Hungarian immigrants, Theresa and Joseph Sepsey. George came to Croswell with his parents when he was one year old. Better known among his friends as “Judd”, he was prominent in Croswell High School athletics, playing basketball, football and baseball. He was one of the most popular and promising young men in Croswell. He was a member of the graduating Class of 1936.

In 1941, George enlisted in the Army National Guard. Joining Company M, 3rd Battalion, 126th Infantry Regiment of the 32nd “Red Arrow” Division, composed mostly of Michigan and Wisconsin men. The unit trained at Camp Livingston, Louisiana and shipped out to Australia in April of 1942.

On September 29th of that year they were deployed to Port Moresby, New Guinea. By November, Sepsey and his comrades were deep in rugged jungle. They were not trained for jungle warfare and were under supplied and poorly equipped.

George was assigned as a machine gun team leader. George’s team took part in the fierce fighting at the junction of the Sanananda Track and Killerton Trail near Soputa. The Japanese had constructed a roadblock and were well entrenched.

On November 26, 1942, during an assault on the roadblock, George was fatally wounded while leading his men. He was 24 years old. Cpl Sepsey was

the second Sanilac County man reported killed in action and the first from Croswell.

Georges remains were initially buried in Papua, New Guinea as an Unknown. In the following years he was exhumed and transferred to the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial in the Philippines. He was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star Medals.

In 2017, the Defense POW MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) exhumed unknown remains from Manila and transferred them for scientific analysis. Based on DNA testing, in April of 2025 they confirmed Georges identity. Now after nearly 84 years Croswell will welcome home its lost hero, a son, a brother, a Michigander and a "RED ARROW" soldier.

All Georges immediate family, including his parents, brothers and sisters have since passed away and he is survived by several nieces and nephews.

All are welcome to come and honor this fallen hero at a visitation that will be held from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M. on Saturday, June 13, 2026 at the Pomeroy Funeral Home in Croswell. Funeral Services will be held at 1 P.M. Saturday afternoon. Reverend Linda Fuller will officiate.

Interment with full military honors provided by the U.S. Army and the Croswell American Legion will follow in the Mt. Hope Catholic Cemetery in Croswell.

Let us remember "All gave some and some gave All", as we honor this young man who gave All.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Hope Cemetery

Black River Rd.
Croswell, MI

Upcoming Events

Visitation

JUN 13. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Pomeroy Funeral Home - Croswell
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